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Green, Gene	McGovern	Sherman
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Hinches	Meehan	Snyder
Holt	Millender	Stark
Honda	McDonald	Stupak
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Jackson (IL)	Miller, George	Tierney
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(TX)	Nadler	Udall (CO)
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Kanjorski	Oberstar	Velázquez
Kaptur	Obey	Visclosky
Kennedy (RI)	Olver	Wasserman
Kildee	Owens	Schultz
Kilpatrick (MI)	Pallone	Waters
Kucinich	Pascarell	Watson
Langevin	Payne	Watt
Larson (CT)	Pelosi	Waxman
Lee	Rangel	Weiner
Levin	Roybal-Allard	Wexler
Lewis (GA)	Rush	Woolsey
Lipinski	Ryan (OH)	
Lofgren, Zoe	Sabo	

NOT VOTING—7

Berkley	LaHood	Weldon (FL)
Gillmor	Lantos	
Gutierrez	Solis	

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So the Senate bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 108 on final passage (S. 256) I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING H.R. 6, ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I know that our colleagues, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), will be engaged in a colloquy in just a moment; and the announcement that I have will, I believe, relate to the colloquy that they are about to engage in.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet next week to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which is expected to be introduced Monday, April 18, as H.R. 6. Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment, one written copy of a brief explanation of the amendment, and one electronic copy of the same to the Committee on Rules up in H-312 of the Capitol by 12 noon on Tuesday, April 19, 2005.

Members are advised that the combined text from the committees of jurisdiction should be available for their review on the committees' Web sites as well as on the Committee on Rules Web site by tomorrow, Friday, April 15. Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the most

appropriate format. Members are also advised to talk with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain that their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say, Go Nationals.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I take this time for the purpose of inquiring of the majority leader the schedule for the coming week.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished majority leader, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY).

Mr. DELAY. I thank the distinguished whip for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, the House will convene on Tuesday at 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider several measures under the suspension of the rules. A final list of those bills will be sent to the Members' offices by the end of the week. Any votes called on these measures will be rolled until 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the House will convene at 10 a.m. for legislative business. We will likely consider additional legislation under the suspension of the rules, as well as H.R. 6, the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman for informing us of that schedule.

Mr. Leader, tomorrow is a day on which the conference report on the budget is supposed to be adopted, as you well know. However, the House is yet to appoint conferees. When might we appoint conferees, given the fact that we are already behind schedule?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield further, obviously we would have liked to have met the statutory deadline of April 15, but, unfortunately, we will not. I am advised that the Speaker has not yet decided when he would like to appoint the conferees to meet with the Senate, but it could occur as early as next week.

Hopefully, within the next few weeks we will have a conference report for the House to consider that provides for the extension of the pro-growth tax policies enacted in 2001 and 2003, reduces non-security discretionary spending, and provides for important reforms of entitlement programs.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman. Obviously he articulates reasons that he believes this bill is an important piece of legislation.

In light of the fact that the Speaker has not yet decided who he wants to appoint as conferees, does the gentleman have any thought as to when we might contemplate having the conference committee meet and then, of course, the conference report on the floor? I ask that from two perspectives: one, as the representative of the party

who would like to know what is going on, as I am sure the gentleman would as well; and, secondly as an appropriator.

As the gentleman knows, until the conference committee report is adopted, it has the appropriations committees somewhat in limbo as it relates to allocations to the committees and then allowing us to make the 302(b) allocations.

Mr. Speaker, I yield further to my friend in terms of what expectations he might have as to timing from this point to when we might adopt a budget, in light of the fact it is my understanding from the staff of the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS) that there is hope that we will start to mark up bills sometime in mid-May. I do not know whether the majority leader has the same understanding or not.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman continuing to yield. The gentleman has touched on many points. I am advised, and I stand to be corrected, but having served on the Committee on Appropriations, the rules allow that once we pass the April 15 deadline for having a budget, the Committee on Appropriations is allowed to start their work without a budget.

I am advised also by the gentleman from California (Chairman LEWIS) of the Committee on Appropriations, who is walking in front of me right now and hopefully will correct me if I am wrong, that the gentleman from California (Chairman LEWIS) has begun the appropriations process in earnest and he has a very ambitious schedule. In fact, I am told that we will have the opportunity to schedule appropriations bills for the floor by the middle of May, and I anticipate, not anticipate, we have set as a schedule, another way of putting it, we have turned over the schedule to the Committee on Appropriations to get their work done. It will be a very ambitious appropriations schedule starting the middle of May.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOYER. I would be pleased to yield to my friend, the gentleman from California, the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Appropriations.

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Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my Appropriations colleague yielding me a moment just to say that my colleague, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY), and I have spent a lot of time together discussing these questions and the schedule and otherwise. The relationship is extremely positive, and I believe he and I this week, before the week is out, will have a chance to sit down and talk about 302(b)s, for example. We are going to move forward very expeditiously, and I think it will benefit, one more time, my colleague and I, who are Appropriations members together, and it will benefit our committee greatly.